

With a little help from my friends

BY TOM STANGL

FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

John Lennon and Paul McCartney penned approximately 180 songs between 1962 and 1969 as the Beatles became a cultural phenomenon.

I have been thinking of one song lately, "With A Little Help From My Friends."



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It's been a busy month at the Bulletin as we work to get staff, equipment and processes in place. We have gotten by with some help from our friends.

Tom, Pete and Julie Hawley have been great, helping with writing, answering questions and doing the delivery driving. Longtime employee Michelle Shilts has decided to explore other opportunities, and we wish her the best and thank her for her help as well.

Roger Bailey, a retired newspaperman from North Dakota who lives in Hudson with his wife, Ingrid, has been writing the stories you hopefully have been enjoying. Roger has graciously agreed to fill in until we have an editor hired, which hopefully will be soon.

Katie Bulera joined the team on Aug. 8 as our new Office Manager. She's learning a lot right now about the newspaper business and the way things are done. We say in the business that there is so much to learn that it is like drinking from a fire hose. It's a lot to absorb and I am so proud to have Katie on the team.

Laura Haugen joined the staff on Aug. 9 as our Advertising Representative. Laura has worked in radio and newspaper ad sales for years. She will be out meeting people in the next few weeks. I know that she will be able to help businesses grow their bottom line. We are pleased to have her on the team.

I would like to thank my wife, Diane, who is the Office Manager at the Amery Free Press, for her help getting the office organized and training Katie. She's doing double duty and I appreciate her help more than I can say.

Our Advertising Manager, Teresa Holmdahl, has also been a great help, pitching in to do whatever needs to be done as we work to get things in place.

Nicole Gagner and Cathy Nelson, our designers that build the ads and put the Baldwin Bulletin and Bargain Bulletin together in Amery have been great.

The staff of our papers in Amery, Osceola and Grantsburg have been wonderful as well as we make the transition in Baldwin.

As we enter into the fall sports season, I am in need of some help from high school sports fans. Covering games is a full time job, and while Pete and Tom Hawley will be doing some writing and photography, we need some help. If you are a sports fan who attends games taking photos, I would like to have you share your work with the community.

Papers the size of the Bulletin have a hard time being at every event. If we can get photos from you, we can celebrate the accomplishments of our student athletes together. While I cannot pay for these photos and stories, I will be happy to give photo credits and my gratitude.

If you are interested, drop me a line at tstangl@theameryfreepress.com

Together, we can make a newspaper that we all can be proud of every week.

As always, I welcome your comments. You can reach me by email at tstangl@theameryfreepress.com, telephone 715-268-8101 or write me at P.O. Box 424, Amery, WI, 54001.

Thanks for reading; I'll keep in touch. Feel free to do the same.